

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet. In Fig. 1, previously omitted element 34 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has maintained his objections to the drawings under 35 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner has maintained his objection that the "steering element" in claim 1 and "steering wheel" of claim 5 are not shown in the drawings.

Previously, the Applicant argued that item 34 shown in Fig. 2 demonstrated the steering element claimed. In response, the Examiner has argued that item 34 shown in Fig. 2 is not the steering element recited in claim 1 which is "a hydraulic steering unit including a steering element for receiving steering input from an operator", where the hydraulic unit is item 12 in the specification and shown only in Fig. 1, and not in Fig. 2.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended Fig. 1 to include steering wheel 34. This Amendment is fully supported by the original disclosure of both claims 1 and 5, as well as the specification at page 5, lines 20-23, reading:

"In the first embodiment of hydraulic steering system 10, manipulation of the steering wheel 34 shifts solenoid 24, directing servo pressure 22 in such a way as to actuate closed-circuit pump system 14."

Accordingly, Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced, and the amended Fig. 1 now provides for the "steering element" and the "steering wheel" claimed in claims 1 and 5, respectively.

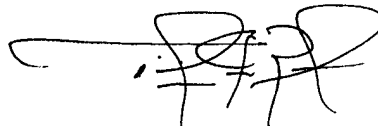
Conclusion:

Applicant now believes the application is in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of same.

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

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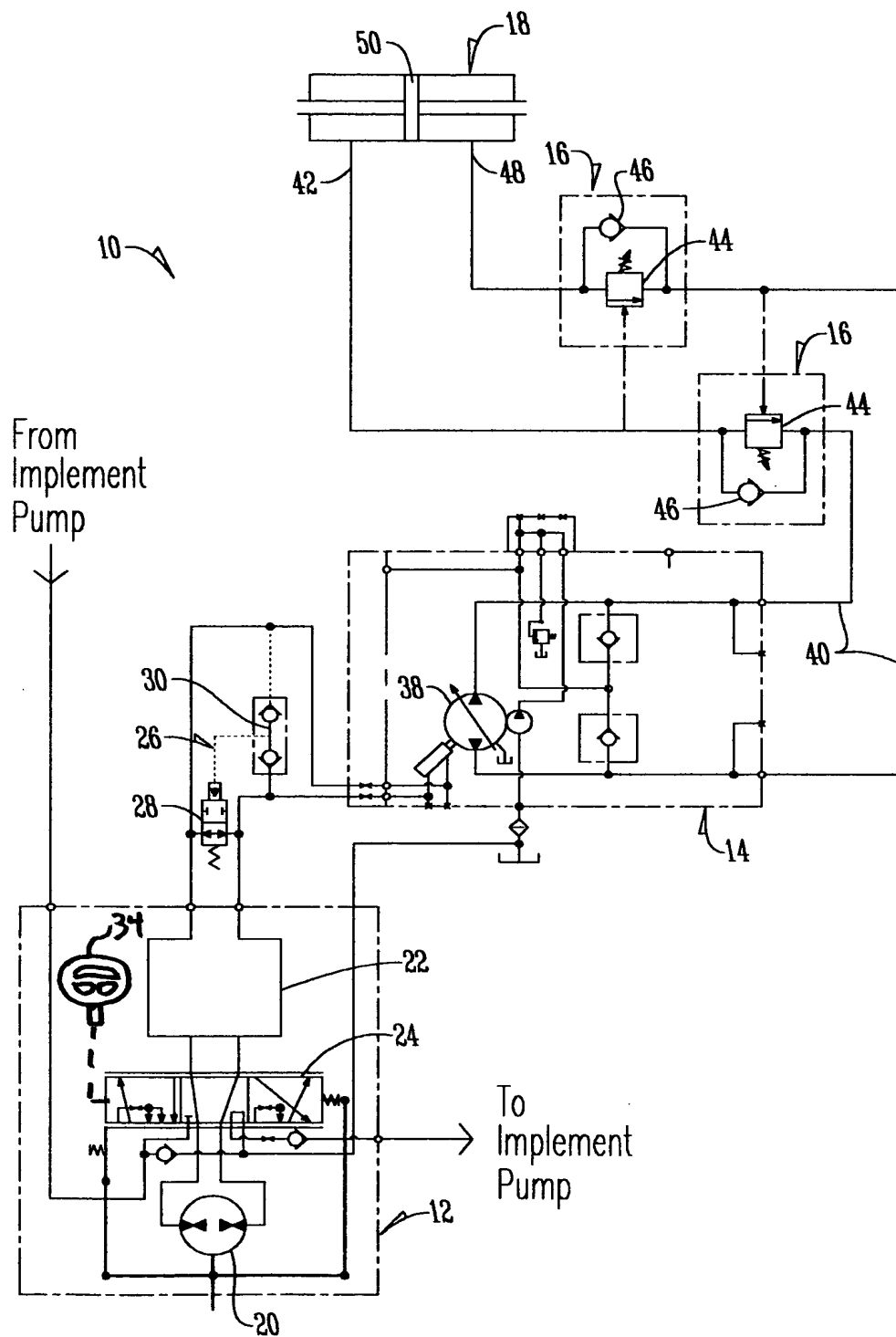


Fig. 1 amended